

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 811 AS A NATIONAL ABBREVIATED DIALING CODE FOR ONE CALL NOTIFICATION))))))	COMMENTS FROM THE SOUTH DAKOTA ONE CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD TC05-153
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On March 14, 2005 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a report and order regarding the designation and implementation of 811 as a National Abbreviated Dialing Code for One Call Notification. *See In the Matter of The Use of N11 Codes and Other Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements*, CC Docket No. 92-105, Sixth Report and Order (rel March 14, 2005). On August 10, 2005 the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission opened a docket on to solicit comments and concerns regarding the implementation of 811 as the National Abbreviated Dialing Code for One Call Notification. The South Dakota One Call Notification Board would like to see the swift implementation of "811."

The FCC Report and Order designating "811" as the national abbreviated dialing code for One Call Notification Systems requires that carriers implement "811" no later than April 13, 2007. The FCC Order does not preclude carriers from implementing the use of "811" prior to April 13, 2007 and the Order allows the state commissions to address any technical and operational issues that may arise with the implementation of the 811 code. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission has taken the

appropriate step in opening the lines of communication in order for this assignment to go efficiently.

The South Dakota One Call Notification Board would like to see "811" implemented as soon as possible. The ease of using an abbreviated dialing code is a benefit for everyone. As soon as carriers have made the switch to implement "811" promotion of the number can occur notifying the public of this new feature.

The South Dakota One Call Notification Board believes that the Commission should require carriers to notify the Commission upon completion of the switch to "811." The Board would also like to request that any billing for transition cost associated with the 811 implementation be a one time charge to the customers of that telecommunications entity. This will insure that the potential users of the system share equally in any costs associated with the transition. Finally the One Call Notification Board will take no action to promote the 811 number until such time as all telecommunication users in South Dakota have the ability to use the three digit number in order to avoid consumer confusion.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2005.

BY THE SD ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION BOARD:



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